

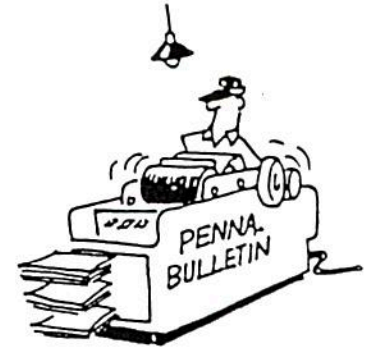
Pennsylvania's Regulatory Review Process



Step 1: The implementing agency drafts the proposed regulation and meets with its advisory committees.



Step 2: The proposed regulation is reviewed by the Governor's Office of General Counsel and the state Attorney General's Office.



Step 3: The proposed regulation is published in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin* for public comment. A minimum timetable of 30 days is established for the public comment period.

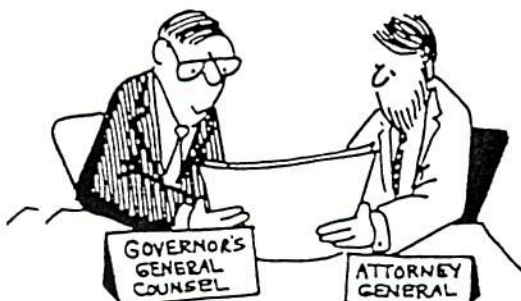
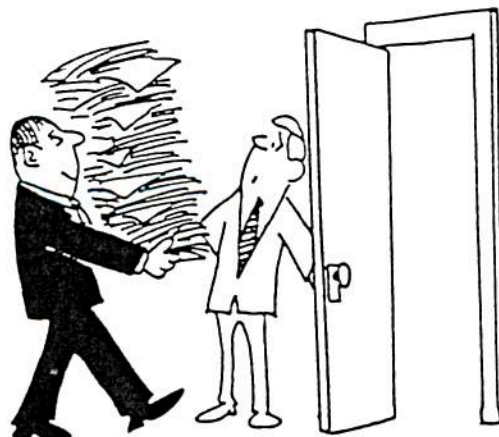


Step 4: The Independent Regulatory Review Commission and the appropriate standing committees of the House and Senate review the proposed regulation.



Step 5: The implementing agency reviews comments from the public, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission, and the standing committees and makes the necessary revisions to the regulation.

Step 6: The final regulation is submitted to the Independent Regulatory Review Commission and the standing committees of the legislature for their approval or disapproval.



Step 7: If approved, the final regulation is reviewed by the Governor's Office of General Counsel and the Attorney General's Office.



Step 8: The final regulation is published in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*, marking the birth of a new state regulation.

Final Rulemaking Stage

- 1. DEP drafts final regulation and meets with advisory committee.**
- 2. EQB adopts final regulation.**
- 3. DEP submits final regulation to the Standing Committees, IRRC and public commentators.**
- 4. Standing Committees may approve or disapprove within 20 days.**
- 5. IRRC may approve or disapprove within 30 days. (If either the Standing Committees or IRRC disapprove the regulation, it is reconsidered by the Standing Committee and IRRC after the agency responds to the issues raised.)**
- 6. If IRRC approves the regulation, it is submitted to the Attorney General for a 30 day review.**
- 7. The final regulation is published in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.**